

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks and amendments. Claims 1, 6, 9 and 14 are amended. Claims 8 and 16 are canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-7, 9-15 and 17-29 are pending in the application.

I. Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-6, 9-14 and 17-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,065,562 issued to Courtney in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,054,924 issued to Harvey et al. See Final Office Action, page 2.

Claim 1, as amended, recites the elements of “a first tag which is to indicate that a CLI tag appears in the XML document and the CLI tag includes subordinate CLI tags or character string data, a second tag which is to specify attributes of the CLI tag, and a CLI tag in which all CLI tag attributes are omitted is a pure aggregation tag (PAT) in which subordinate CLI tags included in the PAT are capable of being materialized more than once.” The amendments incorporate some of the limitations in claim 6 and the limitations in 8. On page 8 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that the elements recited in claim 8 would be allowed if rewritten to be in independent form. Claim 8 depends on claim 6 and recites additional limitations related to corresponding elements (i.e., “a first tag” and “a second tag” in claim 6). Therefore, by amending claim 1 to include the corresponding limitations in claim 6 and the elements in claim 8, Applicants believe that amended claim 1 is patentable over the cited art because the Examiner has indicated that the elements in claim 8 are allowable over the art of record. In addition, with respect to dependent claims 2-6, these claims are at least patentable over the cited art because each of these claims depends on base claim 1. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-6 are respectfully requested.

With respect to claim 9, this claim, as amended, recites analogous elements to those in claim 1. In particular, amended claim 9 now incorporates some of the limitations in claim 14 and the limitations in claim 16. Claim 16 depends on claim 14 and includes further limitations of corresponding elements in claim 14 (i.e., “a first tag” and “a second tag”). Because the Examiner has indicated that claim 16 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form and claim 9, as amended, now recites these elements of claim 16 along with the corresponding elements in claim

14, Applicants submit that claim 9 is patentable over the cited art as well. In addition, with respect to dependent claims 10-14 and 17-29, these claims are patentable over the cited art because each of these claims depends on claim 9. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 9-14 and 17-29 are respectfully requested.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants respectfully acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 7, 8, 15, and 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As discussed above, limitations recited in claims 8 and 16 have been incorporated into base claims 1 and 9, respectively. In light of the amendments of claims 1 and 9, as discussed above, Applicants submit that claims 1 and 9 along with their respective dependent claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of claims 1-7, 9-15 and 17-29 at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

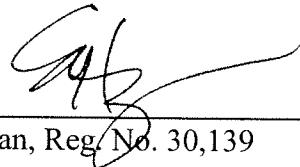
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record, and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be useful in moving the application forward to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207 3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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